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OHIO

WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the State was 67.3 degrees, 2.7 degrees above normal for the week ending Sunday, September 19. Precipitation averaged 1.76 inches, 0.95 inches above normal. Growing degree days were 1 point below normal.

Reporters rated 5.2 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven-day period ending Friday, September 17. This is 0.9 days below last year and 0.5 days less the 1999-03 average. Topsoil moisture was rated 0 percent very short, 6 percent short, 71 percent adequate, and 23 percent surplus.

Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 st week of April
2004	5.2	4.0	101.8
2003	6.1	6.3	92.8
1999-2003 Average	5.7	5.9	116.3

Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	0	6	71	23
Last Week	0	5	65	30
Same Week Last Year	0	7	82	11
1999-2003 Average	23	22	50	5

FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 19

Corn is roughly 90 percent dented, is four days ahead of 2003 and two days ahead of the 1999-2003 average. Respondents estimate corn is 31 percent mature, about seven days ahead of last year but two days behind the five-year average. Respondents estimate one percent of corn for grain has been harvested. This is the same as last year but four

days behind the five-year average. Farmers have 48 percent of **Corn silage** harvested, compared to 40 percent the previous year and 54 for the 1999-2003 year average. Fifty-eight percent of **Soybeans** are dropping leaves, compared to 46 percent in 2003 and 65 percent for the five-year average. Soybeans are 23 percent mature, about five days ahead of last year but slightly behind the 1999-2003 average. Farmers have six percent of soybeans harvested. This is eight days ahead of 2003 and slightly ahead of the five-year average. **Potatoes** are at 88 percent harvested. This is 12 days ahead of last year and 14 days ahead of the 1999-2003 average. Ohio **Cucumber** growers have 87 percent of their crop harvested, compared to 94 percent the previous year, and 95 percent for the 1999-2003 average. The third cutting of **Alfalfa hay** is 89 percent complete, two days ahead of last year, but about seven days behind the 1999-2003 average. The fourth cutting of alfalfa hay is 29 percent complete, about three days behind last year and 10 days behind the five-year average. The third cutting of **Other hay** is 66 percent complete, slightly behind last year, and four days behind the five-year average. Twenty-seven percent of **Fall apples** have been harvested. Vegetable growers have 71 percent of **Processing Tomatoes** harvested, compared to 62 percent last year and 72 percent for the 1999-2003 average. **Grape** producers have 30 percent of their crop harvested.

The remains of Ivan passed through part Ohio this past week bringing rains and cooler temperatures. Many areas experienced heavy rainfall while other locations received little to no precipitation. Farmers continue harvesting soybeans and a few have just started harvesting corn for grain. Producers baled hay, chopped silage and dug potatoes, while others prepared equipments for winter storage. Growers prepared fields for winter wheat planting, while others repaired washout areas.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Soybeans in the good to excellent condition category remained the same at 57 percent but the percentage of beans in excellent condition increased two percent from the previous week. The heavy rains have caused some flooding in low lying fields. Corn was rated at 62 percent good to excellent condition compared to 64 percent last week.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 19

Crop	2004	2003	1999-03 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Alfalfa Hay 3 rd cutting	89	87	94	84	NA
Alfalfa Hay 4 th cutting	29	34	45	19	NA
Apples harvested (fall)	27	28	29	15	NA
Corn dented	90	83	88	85	75
Corn mature	31	12	35	17	27
Corn harvested for grain	1	1	3	NA	5
Corn silage harvested	48	40	54	33	NA
Cucumbers harvested	87	94	95	73	NA
Grapes harvested	30	21	37	28	NA
Other Hay 3 rd cutting	66	66	75	46	NA
Potatoes harvested	88	76	75	83	NA
Processing tomatoes harvested	71	62	72	58	NA
Soybeans dropping leaves	58	46	65	38	30
Soybeans mature	23	12	25	8	NA
Soybeans harvested	6	1	5	1	NA

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 19

CORN	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	3	9	26	44	18
Previous Week	3	9	24	47	17
Previous Year	3	6	22	47	22
HAY	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	4	11	26	47	12
Previous Week	3	8	25	53	11
Previous Year	4	8	28	46	14
PASTURE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	2	5	28	51	14
Previous Week	1	5	26	56	12
Previous Year	2	4	19	55	20
SOYBEANS	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	4	11	28	42	15
Previous Week	5	10	28	44	13
Previous Year	4	8	24	46	18

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 19

Region	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days ^{1/}			
	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	68.3	4.5	0.04	-0.76	22.64	2.77	112	10	2730	-27
North Central	67.0	3.0	0.79	-0.14	25.01	4.57	103	0	2694	-22
Northeast	65.2	2.6	2.16	1.00	28.87	7.59	95	-1	2505	-54
West Central	68.6	3.8	0.32	-1.37	23.46	2.16	116	8	2899	30
Central	68.1	2.9	1.27	0.54	27.27	5.64	111	0	2957	61
Central Hills	65.9	2.3	1.70	0.81	30.78	9.07	96	-6	2679	-12
Northeast Hills	64.0	0.0	3.17	2.28	33.89	12.36	88	-15	2675	-53
Southwest	68.8	2.9	0.68	0.02	23.31	0.88	120	4	3083	60
South Central	68.4	2.0	3.81	3.10	30.22	8.96	112	-7	3167	110
Southeast	66.9	1.8	3.64	2.87	31.48	9.90	104	-6	2942	59
STATE	67.3	2.7	1.76	0.95	27.50	6.20	107	-1	2852	21

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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